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Chief Administrative Officer

June 15, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

## **PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOT CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 (FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Support the increased assessment on properties owned by the County of Los Angeles (County) within the boundaries of the existing City of Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1 for the operation and maintenance of the street lighting system at a proposed increase of \$64 per year from the current maintenance assessment of \$0 per year, subject to an annual inflation adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) not to exceed three percent per year, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to cast the ballots in support of the increased assessment for the properties.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the proposed increase in assessment to the existing City of Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1 will allow for continued maintenance, service, and operation of street lighting improvements within the proposed district. The district contains County-owned Assessor=s Parcel Number (APN) 8009-023-900, which is the Little Lake Park located at 10900 Pioneer Boulevard; APN 8169-021-900, which is the Los Nietos Community Senior Center and Library located at 11640 East Slauson Avenue; and APN 8026-020-900, which is the Sewer Maintenance District-Central Yard located at 12015 Shoemaker Avenue.

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GLORIA MOLINA  
First District

YVONNE B. BURKE  
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY  
Third District

DON KNABE  
Fourth District

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
Fifth District

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we promote service excellence by providing the public with beneficial and responsive services (Goal 1). Support for the increase to the existing benefit assessment levied against the County property to facilitate servicing and maintenance of public street lighting fills an identified need and supports this strategy.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The existing district=s increased assessment is to provide for the continued service, maintenance, and operation of the street lighting improvements. The total assessment to be levied on the County properties for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-05 is \$64; the parcels were previously assessed at \$0. Thereafter, the annual assessments may be adjusted for any increases in the CPI not to exceed three percent annually, normal Southern California Edison Company energy increases, or by a re-balloting of property owners.

The assessments will be paid by the Rent Expense Budget. The total amount can be charged to the occupying departments: Parks & Recreation, Community and Senior Services, the Public Library, and Public Works. The financial cost of paying this increased assessment can be absorbed within the departments= FY 2004-05 appropriations.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

As a result of the passage of Proposition 218, property owned by government agencies became subject to assessment by various County and non-County assessment districts on July 1, 1997. The County, like other property owners, is able to cast ballots supporting or opposing the assessments and its ballots will be weighted to reflect its proportionate share of the total assessment. Publicly-owned properties are not exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit. The agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned oppose the action.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval to increase this existing benefit assessment will contribute to public safety through continued operation and maintenance of the public street lighting system within the assessment district.

**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted Board letter to the CAO, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Administrative Officer

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SDH:RC:dg

Attachment

c: County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Department of Community and Senior Services  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Public Library  
Department of Public Works

**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BALLOT  
SANTA FE SPRINGS LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 8009-023-900

Current Lighting Assessment Information

Current Assessment Rate per EBU: \$ 17.05  
Your Current Assessment Amount: \$ 0.00  
Your Existing Assessment is based on 0.00 EBU

Proposed Lighting Assessment Information

Proposed Assessment Rate per EBU \$ 32.10  
Your Proposed Assessment Amount: \$ 16.05  
Your Proposed Assessment is based on 0.50 EBU

*\*EBU — Equivalent Benefit Unit based on Land Use*

L A COUNTY  
500 W TEMPLE ST STE 754  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012-2700

The "Proposed Assessment Rate" shown above also represents the proposed Maximum Rate for the District beginning fiscal year 2004/05. This Maximum Rate will be subject to an annual inflationary adjustment using the local Consumer Price Index, but shall not exceed 3% per year.

Total Assessment Amount for all Parcels Balloted: \$ 411,380.48

● Mail or deliver this completed ballot to: City Clerk, City of Santa Fe Springs,  
11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-3658 ●

*Completed ballots must be received by the City Clerk no later than the close of the Public Hearing, which begins on  
Thursday, July 8, 2004, 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers,  
Located at 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs.*

To complete your ballot, mark the square before the word "YES" or before the word "NO" below, sign and date the ballot, and return it to the City Clerk. If you wrongly mark, tear, or deface this ballot, return it to the City Clerk to obtain a replacement. Please return your ballot to the City Clerk in the envelope provided, either by mail or in person.

**SANTA FE SPRINGS LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1**

**(Little Lake Park)**

This ballot represents:

Name: L A COUNTY

Parcel Number: 8009-023-900

Proposed Assessment Amount: \$ 16.05

Proposed Assessment Increase: \$ 16.05

Proposed Assessment Rate: \$ 15.05

- ☐ **Yes**, I do approve of the proposed assessment increase on my property for the maintenance of street lighting improvements that benefit my property; limiting future increases as described on this ballot.
- ☐ **No**, I do not approve of the proposed assessment increase on my property for the maintenance of street lighting improvements that benefit my property.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BALLOT  
SANTA FE SPRINGS LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 8026-020-900

Current Lighting Assessment Information

Current Assessment Rate per EBU: \$ 17.05  
Your Current Assessment Amount: ~~\$000-17.05~~  
Your Existing Assessment is based on 1.00 EBU

Proposed Lighting Assessment Information

Proposed Assessment Rate per EBU \$ 32.10  
Your Proposed Assessment Amount: \$ 32.10  
Your Proposed Assessment is based on 1.00 EBU

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**SANTA FE SPRINGS LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1**

**(Sewer Maint. Dist. -  
Central Yard)**

This ballot represents:

Name: L A COUNTY

Parcel Number: 8026-020-900

Proposed Assessment Amount: \$ 32.10

Proposed Assessment Increase: \$ 15.05

Proposed Assessment Rate: \$ 15.05

- ☐ **Yes**, I do approve of the proposed assessment increase on my property for the maintenance of street lighting improvements that benefit my property; limiting future increases as described on this ballot.
- ☐ **No**, I do not approve of the proposed assessment increase on my property for the maintenance of street lighting improvements that benefit my property.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BALLOT  
SANTA FE SPRINGS LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 8169-021-900

Current Lighting Assessment Information

Current Assessment Rate per EBU: **\$ 17.05**  
Your Current Assessment Amount: **\$ 0.00**  
Your Existing Assessment is based on **0.00 EBU**

Proposed Lighting Assessment Information

Proposed Assessment Rate per EBU **\$ 32.10**  
Your Proposed Assessment Amount: **\$ 16.05**  
Your Proposed Assessment is based on **0.50 EBU**

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The "Proposed Assessment Rate" shown above also represents the proposed Maximum Rate for the District beginning fiscal year 2004/05. This Maximum Rate will be subject to an annual inflationary adjustment using the local Consumer Price Index, but shall not exceed 3% per year.

Total Assessment Amount for all Parcels Balloted: **\$ 411,380.48**

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This ballot represents:

Name: L A COUNTY

Parcel Number: 8169-021-900

Proposed Assessment Amount: **\$ 16.05**

Proposed Assessment Increase: **\$ 16.05**

Proposed Assessment Rate: **\$ 15.05**

**(Los Nietos Community  
Sr Center & Library)**

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## ABOUT YOUR ASSESSMENT BALLOT

**Duration of the Assessments:** Annually for on-going maintenance, service, and operation of street lighting improvements. (Assessments cannot be increased beyond the approved assessment rate including the inflation adjustment formula, without additional property owner approval. The inflation adjustment formula is described below and in the Notice of Public Hearing that accompanies this Ballot.)

**Protest Provisions:** Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIID, Section 4 (e), at the Public Hearing, the City Council shall consider all protests against the proposed assessments. At the conclusion of public testimony the property owner ballots returned will be opened and tabulated to determine if majority protest exits. In addition to the property owner assessment balloting, formal written protests regarding the District or annexation of territory to the District may be filed with the City Clerk. Please ensure that your Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) is included on any written protest or correspondence so that your property can be correctly identified and made part of the record.

**THIS BALLOT** is your opportunity to indicate whether or not you approve of the proposed assessment increase that will partially fund the annual cost of providing maintenance and operations services for the street lighting improvements associated with your property. If the assessment is approved, your property will be assessed annually for the property's proportional share of the budgeted cost to maintain the improvements each year. The amount listed on this Assessment Ballot as "Proposed Assessment Rate per EBU" reflects the proposed assessment rate for the upcoming fiscal year as well as the maximum assessment rate for fiscal year 2004/2005. This maximum rate may be adjusted annually by the rate of inflation in subsequent years, not to exceed 3% without additional property owner ballot proceedings. (The rate of inflation is measured by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area for All Urban Consumers in the proceeding twelve-month period, as developed by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). Changes in the development of your property that may increase the Equivalent Benefit Units assigned to your property and results in an increased assessment amount is not considered an assessment increase. An assessment increase occurs only if the Proposed Assessment Rate per EBU exceeds the approved maximum assessment rate or if the method of apportionment is modified and results in an increased assessment to one or more land use classifications.

Details regarding the proposed assessments are set forth in the Engineer's Report, on file for review in the Office of the City Clerk.

At the close of the Public Hearing on July 8, 2004, the City shall count all ballots received, weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of each property. If the ballots submitted in opposition to the assessment increase do not exceed the ballots submitted in favor of the assessment increase, then the proposed assessment amount for your property may be imposed. If the ballots submitted in opposition to the assessment increase exceed the ballots submitted in favor of the assessment increase (majority protest), then the City may not impose the proposed assessment increase and may approve an assessment less than or equal to the assessments previously approved and adopted for the District based on the "Current Assessment Rate per EBU".


### To Cast Your Vote

Ballots may be mailed or personally delivered to the City Clerk in accordance with the instructions set forth on this Assessment Ballot (replacement ballots are available upon request to the City Clerk), at the following address:


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11710 Telegraph Road  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-3658

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How to cast your ballot:

1.  Check  
Yes or No

2.  Sign it

3.  Return to the City Clerk on  
or before Thursday, July 8,  
2004 in the envelope  
provided.